

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-22 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-3, 5-14, and 16-22 have been rejected. Claims 9, 10, 11, 20, 21, and 22 have been amended. Claims 23-30 have been added. Claims 4 and 15 have been noted as allowable subject matter. Claim 4 has been rewritten as newly added independent Claim 29. Claim 15 has been rewritten as newly added independent Claim 30.

Claims 1-3, 5-14, and 16-22 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tong et al [20050058919] [hereinafter Tong] in view of Yu et al [U. S. Patent 5,460,911] [hereinafter Yu] and Markovics et al [U. S. Patent 5,641,599] [hereinafter Markovics]. Reconsideration is respectfully requested based upon the following. None of the cited references teach or disclose the current claim element of an undercoat layer having a color change material that reversibly changes color in the presence of a Lewis base and which color change is reversible upon exposure to light. Tong does not teach this claim element. Yu does not teach this claim element. Further, Markovics does not teach this claim element. Yu teaches an undercoat layer having a light absorbing material selected from the group consisting of a dye, a pigment, and mixtures thereof. See for example Yu at Column 18 lines 13-26. Markovics teaches a hole blocking layer comprising solid finely divided organic electron transporting pigment particles. See for example Markovics at Column 7, line 30 through Column 8, line 15. Since the current claim element directed to the color change material is not disclosed in the references, Applicants ask the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the current obviousness rejection.


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Based upon the remarks/amendments presented herein, Applicants believe that the application has been placed in condition for allowance. As a result, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this matter, the Examiner is requested to contact Ms. Marylou J. Lavoie, who may be reached in the Hartford, Connecticut area at (860) 651-3130.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Response or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 24-0037 maintained by Xerox Corporation.

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